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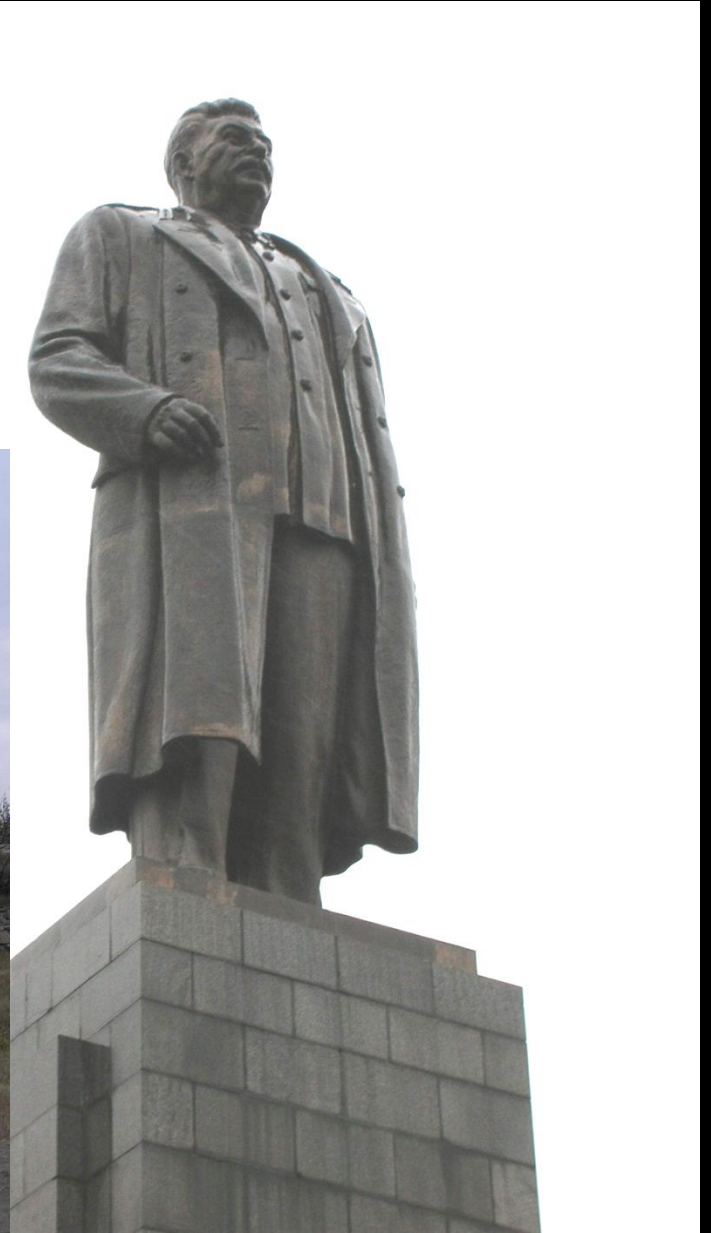
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The Problem of the Caucasus

Caucasus



Georgia





Stamps from Georgia

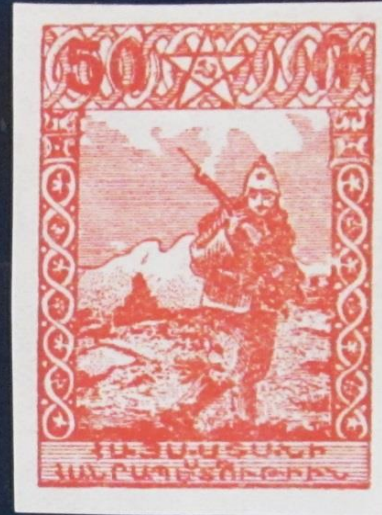
Azerbaijan



Georgia



Armenia



Nagorno-Karabakh

**Nagorno
Karabakh**



Armenia

Caucasus



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The West Africa Problem



West Africa

Cape Verde

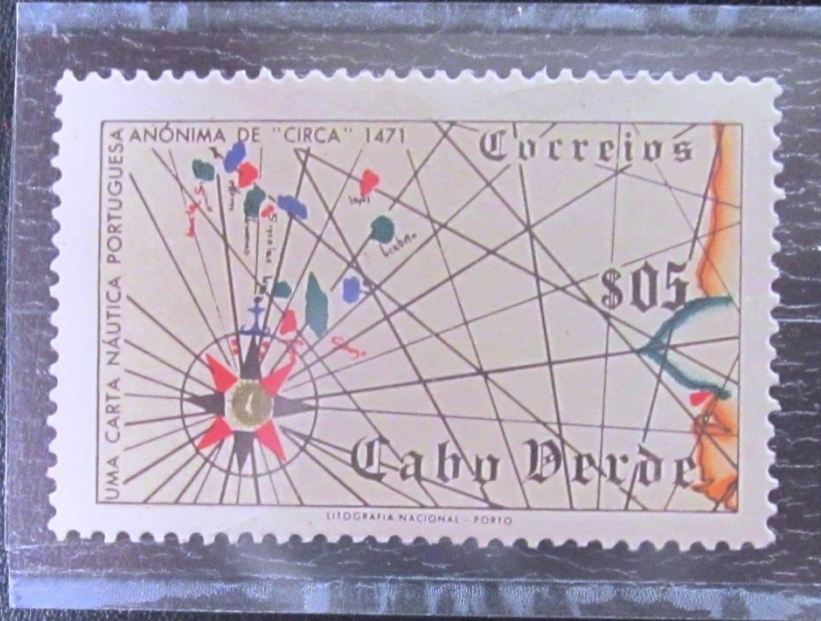


Cape



Verde

Cape Verde





Gambia





Sierra
Leone



Liberia





Liberia

LIBERIA





**Liberian 1941
Two Cent Piece**

Images of Ghana



Ghana



Coins and Stamps

HONOURING 150th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

12-2-1809

15-4-1865





Nigeria



Cameroon





Belgian Congo



BEL CONGO
COPPER-
NICKEL



1,250,000 .75¢



Belgian Congo



Katanga—Breakaway from 1960-1963. RIP



African Colonialism

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**Guinea and Guiana
(And Papua New Guinea)**

AFRICA

French Guinea	→	Guinea
Portuguese Guinea	→	Guinea Bissau
Spanish Guinea; (Rio Muni; Fernando Po)	→	Equatorial Guinea

SOUTH AMERICA—THE GUIANAS

Spanish Guiana	→	Guayana region in Venezuela
British Guiana	→	Guyana
Dutch Guiana	→	Suriname
French Guiana	→	French Guiana (Overseas Dept.)
Portuguese Guiana	→	Amapa State of Brazil

Papua New Guinea



Guinea market scene

GUINEA

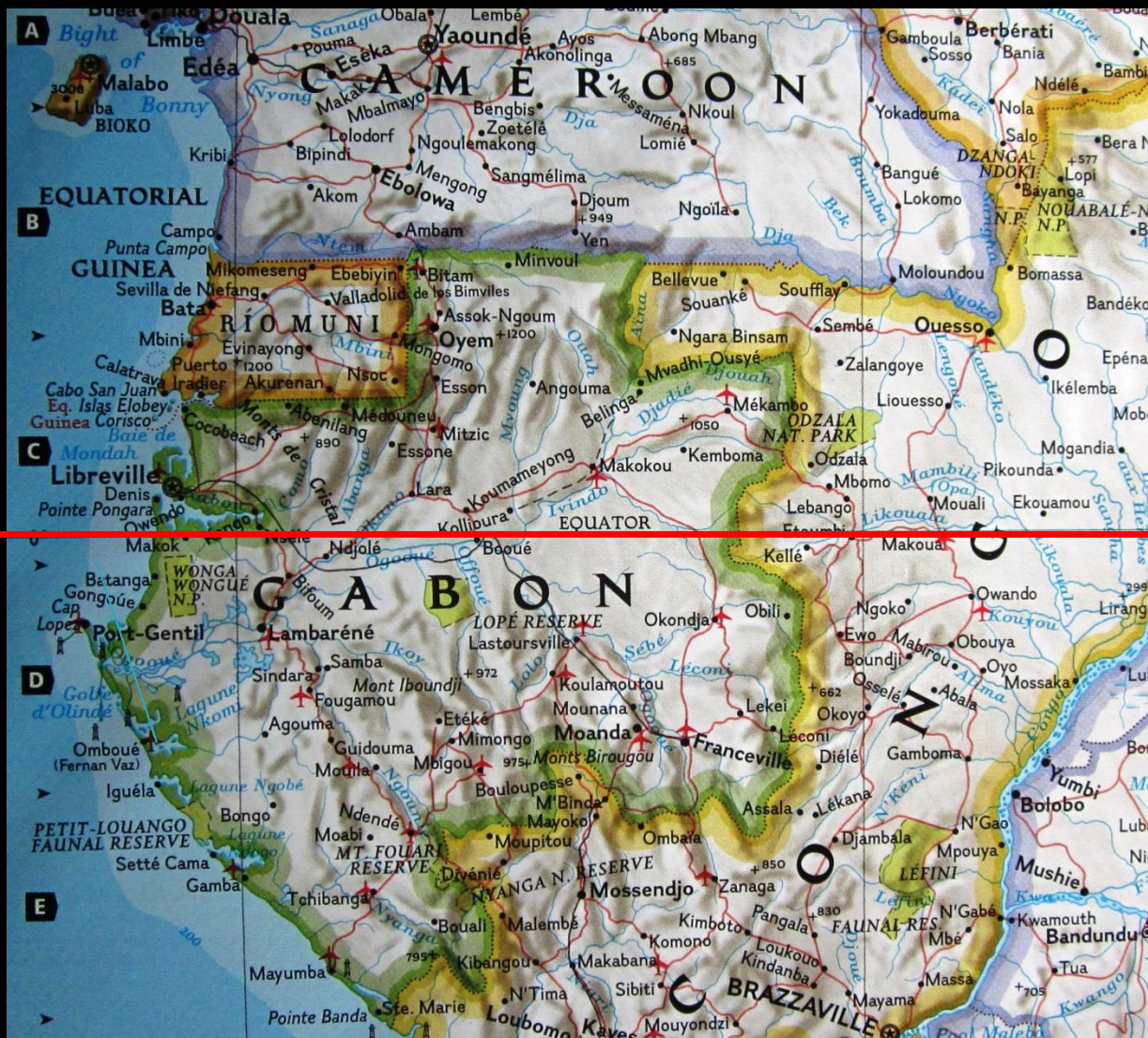






Portuguese Guinea becomes Guinea Bissau





Equator

Equatorial Guinea— close but not on the Equator

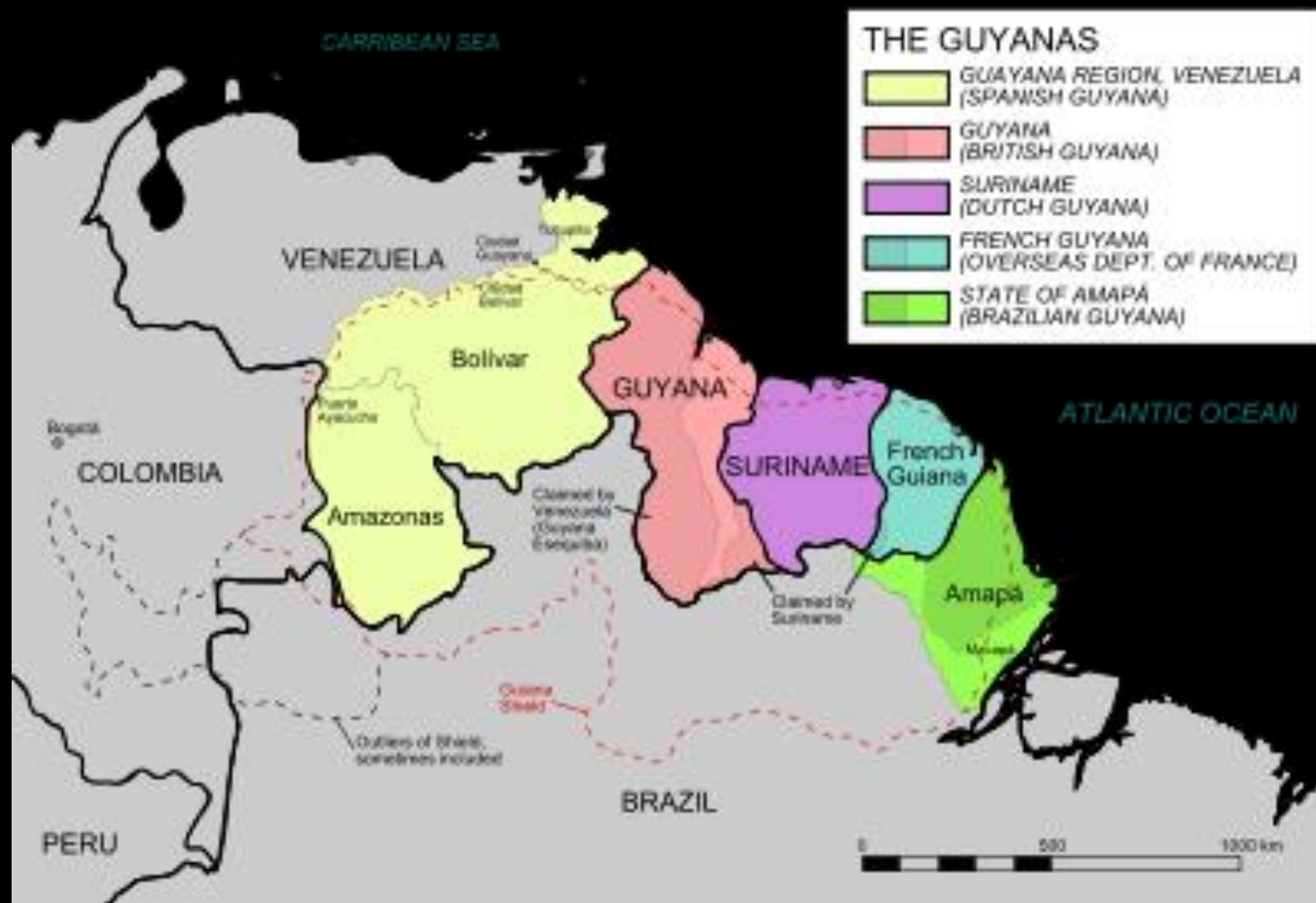
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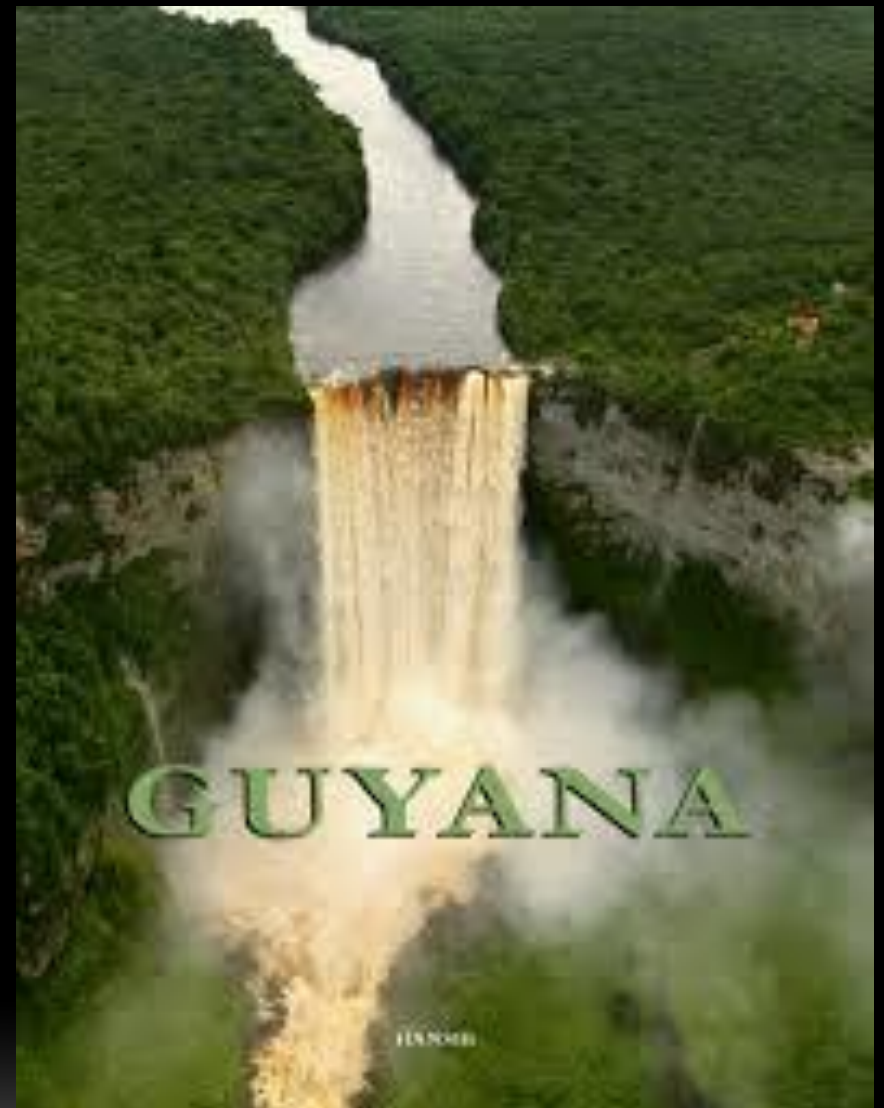
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Papua New Guinea



Assorted Guyanese stamps from past and present countries





Inini—an inland division of French Guyana



Essequibo and Demarary



**Assorted Guyanese
coins from past and
present countries**



The Island of New Guinea is divided into the country of Papua New Guinea to the east, and a part of Indonesia to the west





People of Papua New Guinea





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Mauritania, Mauritius, and Martinique

Mauritania



Mauritania





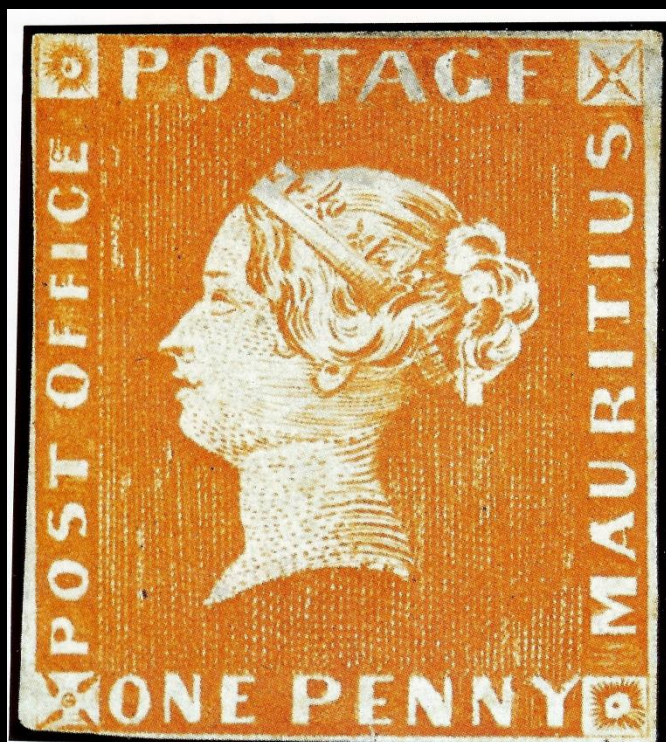
Stamp and Coin of Mauritania



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Mauritius





Mauritius #1 and #2

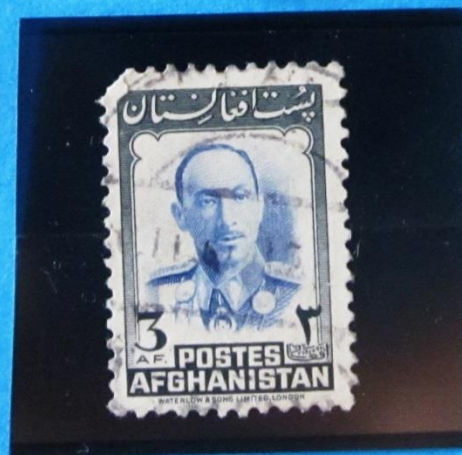
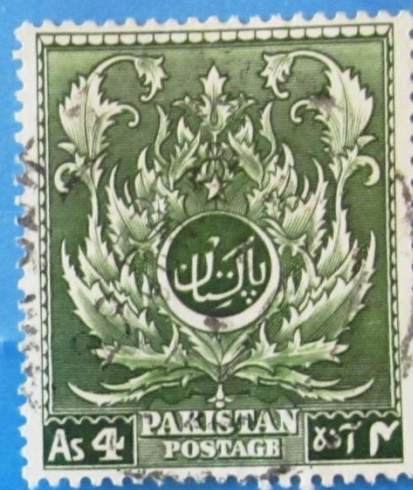


Martinique





The “Stans”

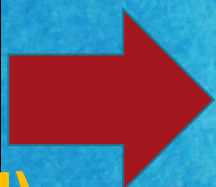


Uzbekistan

Afghanistan

Pakistan

**President
Niyazov
(deceased)**



Kazakhstan



Tajikistan



TATARSTAN



KURDISTAN



Great Mosque in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Save the Aral Sea



Uzbekistan borders on the dying Aral Sea



The "Stans"

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Tibet Herm Island Saint Pierre et Miquelon

Tannu Tuva Transnistria

KUT Straits Settlements Tunisia

North Ingermanland Italian Socialist Republic



STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

Penang
Dinding
Malacca
Singapore
Labuan

Cocos Islands
Christmas Island
Christmas Island

Straits Settlements



Singapore Harbor in the 1940's



1908-11



Straits Settlements

Which



Is it?



Country



Tunisia





Typical Tunisian Stamp Design

Tunisian Coins—one weird, one normal





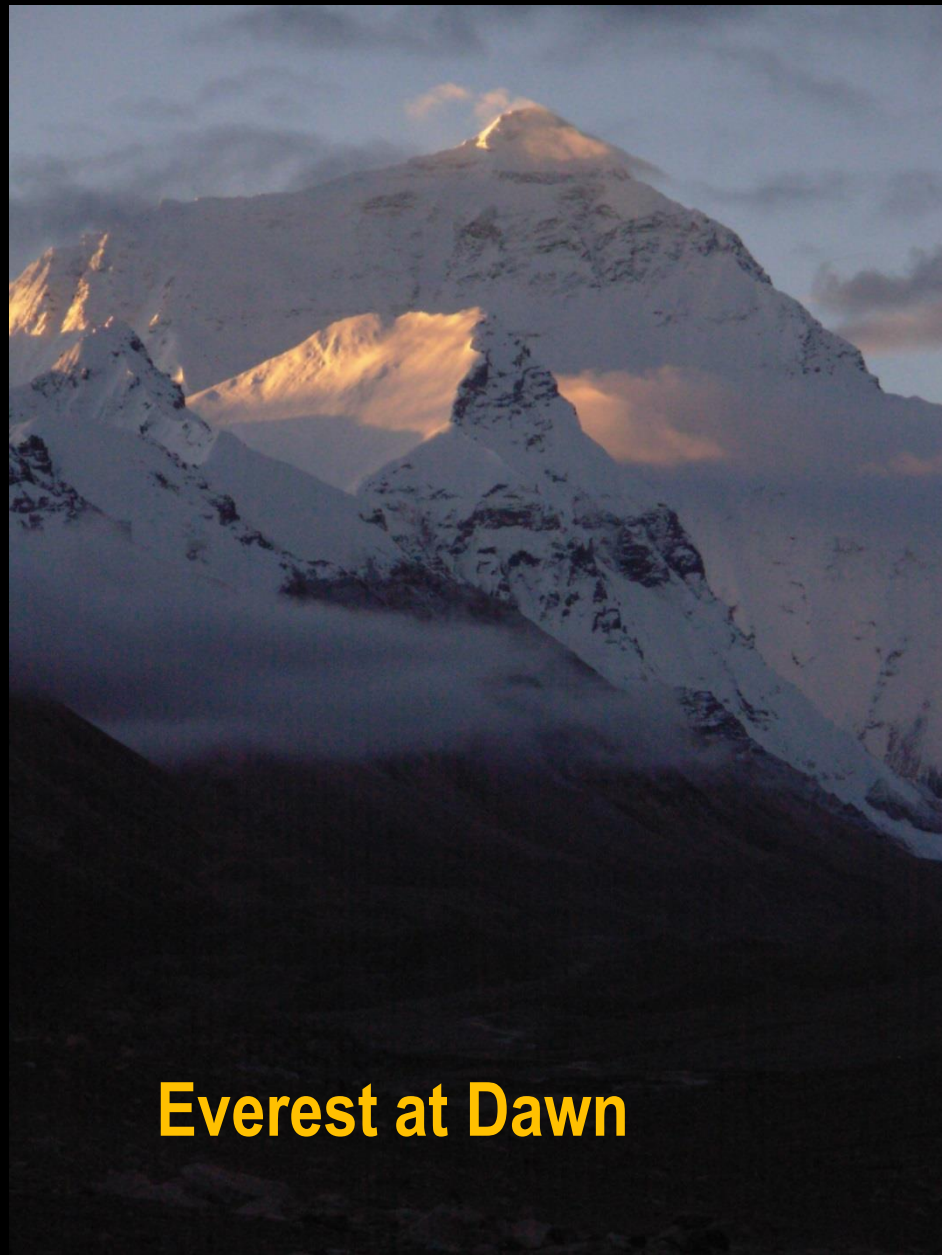


Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet

Tibetan Monks in Debating Exercise

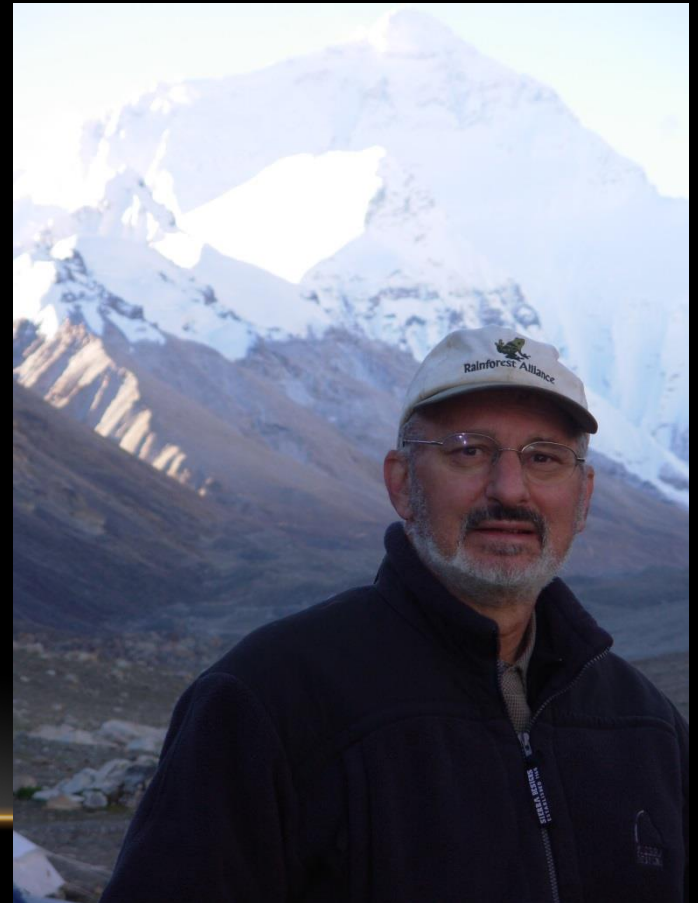


Tibetan Pilgrims Praying at the Wall of the Monastery



Everest at Dawn

Me at Base Camp



Tibet



Coins and Stamp

TIBET



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**Saint Pierre et
Miquelon**

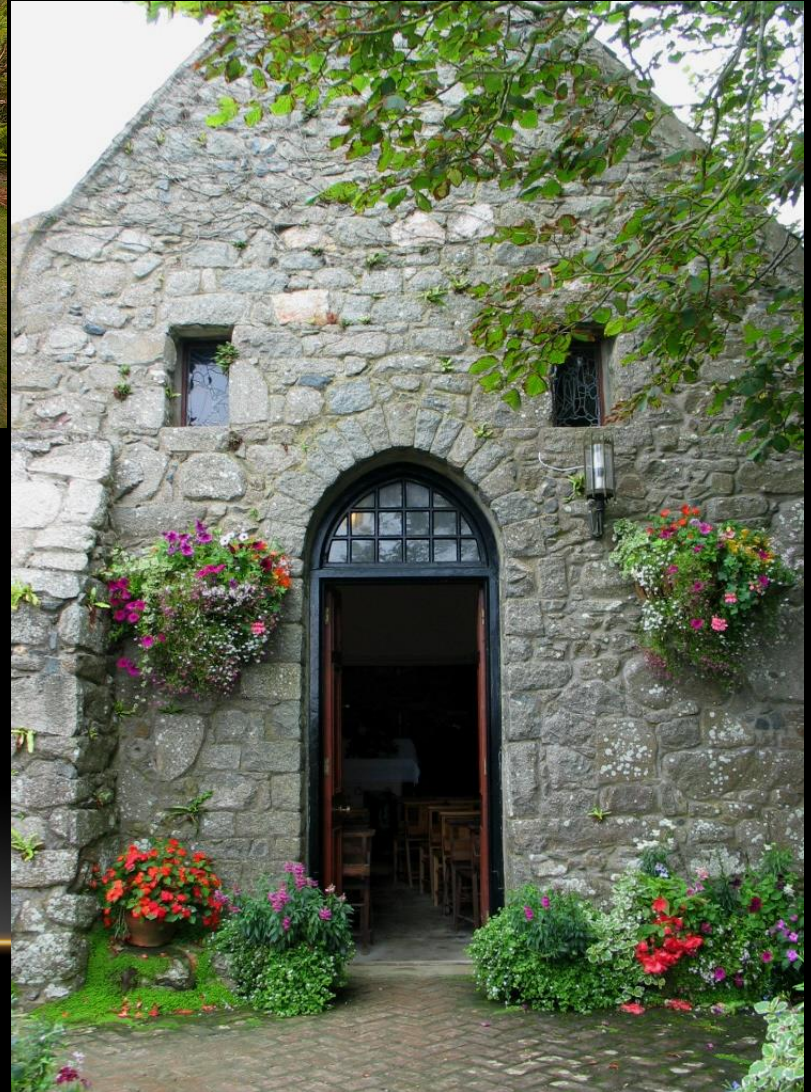
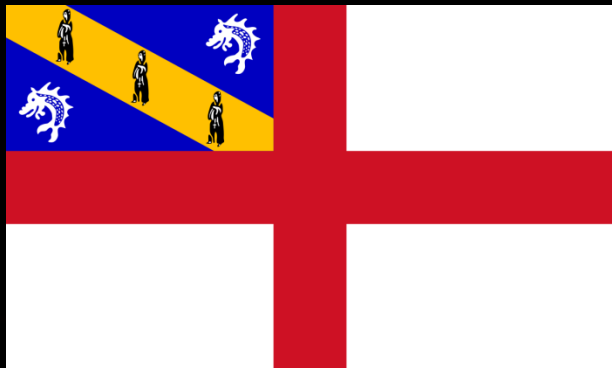
Stamps of Saint Pierre and Miquelon



Herm Island



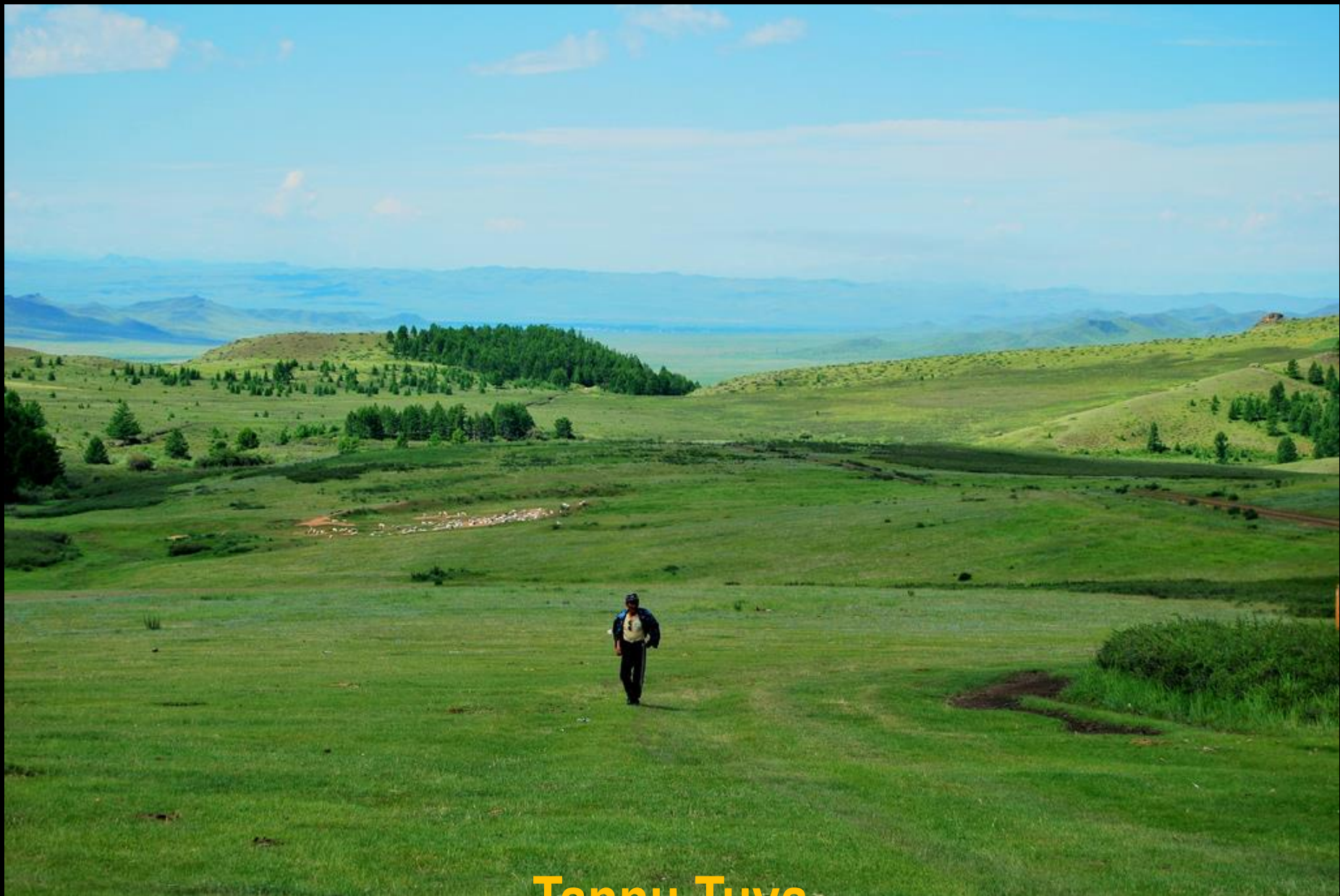
Herm Island





Herm Island

Illegal Stamps



Tannu Tuva

100 kopecks = 1 Ruble.



sq. mi.;
= 1 1/2

TANNU TUVA

A former republic in northwestern Mongolia. Area: about 64,000 sq. mi.; pop.: approx. 65,000; cap.: Kysylchoto. Annexed by the Soviet Union during World War II. 100 Kopecks = 1 Ruble.



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ER MONGOLIA

An autonomous dependency of China south of Outer Mongolia. Under Japanese influence from 1931 to 1945.



Tannu Tuva— Fraudulent Stamps



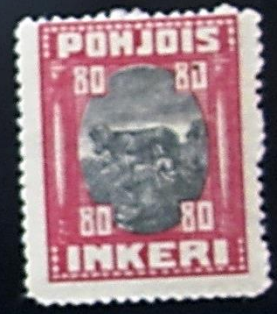
Transnistria-- Frozen Conflict Country



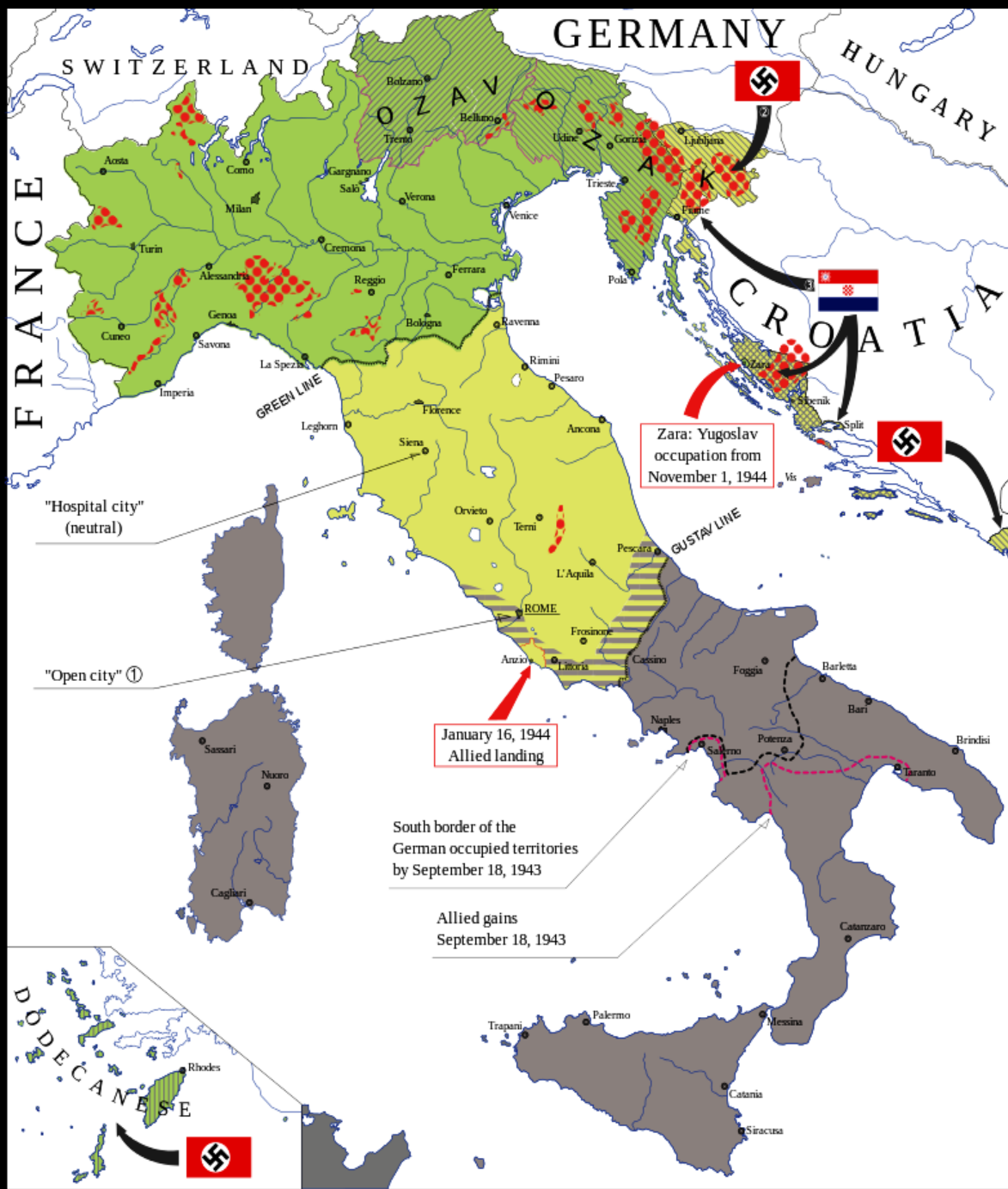


Moldova

Transnistria



**North
Ingermanland**



Italian Socialist Republic

Italian Social Republic (Republic of Salò)



Italian Socialist Republic



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**Much, much more to come— on another day
The End**